location-wise details of FM Transmitters presently functioning in Karnataka are given in the Statement (see below). Two 10 KW FM Radio Stations to be set up at Bellary and Gulbarga have been approved for implementation during 2002-03 as part of 10th Five Year Plan. An amount of Rs. 12.00 lakhs has been allocated during 2002-03 for construction of new FM Radio Stations.

Statement

List of FM Transmitters operating in Karnataka

1.	Dharwad	-	10 kW FM Tr. (VB)
2.	Mangalore	-	10 kW FM Tr.
3.	Mysore	-	10 kW FM Tr.
4.	Bangalore	-	10 kW FM Tr. (Stereo)
			10 kW FM Tr. (VB)
5.	Hassan	-	6 kW FM Tr.
6.	Chitradurg	-	6 kW FM Tr. (LRS)
7.	Hospet	-	10 kW FM Tr. (LRS)
8.	Raichur	-	6 kW FM Tr. (LRS)
9.	Mercara	-	6 kW FM Tr.
10.	Karwar	-	3 kW FM Tr. (LRS)
11.	Bijapur	-	6 kW FM Tr. (LRS)

Vacant posts in Prasar Bharati Board

3966. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of existing vacancies in the Prasar Bharati Board;

(b) the reasons for delay in filling up long pending vacancies in the Board; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to fill up all the vacancies in the Board as early as possible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD):(a) There are 4 vacancies, comprising Member (Personnel), Director General, All India Radio (ex-officio) and two representatives of the employees of the Corporation.

(b) to (c) The filling up of vacancies is a continuing process. The

recommendation of the Selection Committee in respect of Member (Personnel) has been received in the Ministry and is being processed. Prasar Bharati has initiated steps to fill up the post of Director General, All India Radio, which had fallen vacant on 28.2.2002. Further, all the employees working in Prasar Bharati continue to be Government Servants and till their services are transferred to the Corporation, election of their representatives cannot be held.

Services of pay channels under the new law

3967. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed rules to ensure that pay channels under the new Law have to provide services without commercial breaks and have to decide about the source of their revenue;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the steps taken to enforce them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir. Government has amended the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 to, *inter alia*, provide for the transmission/retransmission of programmes of every pay channel through an addressable system.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Control over regional channels

†3968. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether various State Governments have sought permission of Government to exercise control on regional channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Tripura and West Bengal have requested that they be permitted to have their own Regional T.V. Channels.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.